

**Thayer Public Library**  
798 Washington Street  
Braintree, MA 02184

The Library is located directly across from Town Hall.

**Regular Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday:  
9:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Friday & Saturday:  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Closed on Sunday

**Summer Hours**

July through Labor Day  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Closed Saturday & Sunday

**Phone:** 781-848-0405

**Web:**

www.ThayerPublicLibrary.net  
www.ThayerPublicLibrary.org

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# Thayer Public Library

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## You Name It!

In an effort to better communicate the wonderful variety of resources of the Thayer Public Library to the community we serve, and in keeping with our mission, we are pleased to offer this newsletter. And to kick off the new newsletter we are inviting everyone in town to help name it!



Please leave your suggestions for the newsletter's name in one of the boxes located at each service desk in the library or vote via email to: [referencedesk@braintreema.gov](mailto:referencedesk@braintreema.gov).

Remember to include your name and contact information with your idea because the winning entrant will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate to Best Buy, courtesy of the Friends of the Library!

We are looking forward to receiving your creative and thoughtful suggestions.

## 10th Anniversary Celebration: 1999 - 2009

Thayer Public Library was first established in 1874. We've had branches and a main library housed in other buildings over the years. But in 1999 the brick building you see today at 798 Washington Street became our one and only home.

To celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our building, the Library Trustees sponsored special events - all free and open to the public - throughout 2009.

Here's a list of some of the events that were enjoyed by our patrons over the year:

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|-------------|---------------------|
| Jan.        | Treasure Hunt       |
| Feb.        | Film Festival       |
| March       | Open Mike Night     |
| April & May | Spring Tea Party    |
| June        | Ice Cream Social    |
| July        | Crafts Fair         |
| Aug.        | Family Fun Day      |
| Sept.       | Guest Reader Day    |
| Oct.        | Pumpkin Feast       |
| Nov.        | Thankful Board      |
| Dec.        | Winter Solstice Tea |

We also hosted an Evening of Celebration, a successful fundraiser sponsored by our dedicated Friends. Almost 200 people attended - a magical night to remember.

Our final tribute is a custom DVD, a copy of which is in our circulating collection. This montage set to music is a history of the library building campaign including photos of the old libraries, historic neighborhood, people who made it happen, demolition of the old and creation of the new library. We bring it up to date with a tour of our beautiful "new" library building.

Many thanks to the Trustees, Friends, volunteers, and staff who helped make all of these programs so successful.



The Young Adult Room is a very comfortable & popular place!

*“The more that you read the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you’ll go.”*  
Dr. Seuss



The Edgars  
Best Novel - 2009

## Teen News from the Young Adult Room

### What's TAG?

It's the young adult Teen Advisory Group! This group of teens meets with our young adult librarian once a month, usually on a Saturday, to help plan and carry out activities, programs and events, and share their ideas and opinions on everything from material selection (books, magazines, video games, CD's, DVD's) to decorating the Young Adult

room. Everyone is welcome to participate. Check the library's online calendar for the dates.

### Monthly Events

Look for these events that happen every month:

- Literature Club
- YA Café
- Anime/Manga Club
- YA Movie Nights - the theme for 2010 is "Books into Movies"

Be sure to check the web site for these and additional

events. Some upcoming fun events are author talks, Wii tournaments, and a hip-hop dance workshop. Check out our online calendar @

[www.thayerpubliclibrary.net](http://www.thayerpubliclibrary.net)

Please contact Reba Tierney with questions, ideas, or suggestions.

781-848-0405 x4415  
[rtierney@braintreema.gov](mailto:rtierney@braintreema.gov)

## Book Clubs

### 2nd Tuesday

#### Book Club

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:15pm (6:45 July & Aug.)

Upcoming Selections:

May: **Persuasion**

June: **Girl with the Dragon Tattoo**

July: **The Book Thief**

### Reader's Group

#### Book Club

Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:15pm (6:45 July & Aug.)

Upcoming Selections:

May: **Eye Contact**

June: **Blind Assassin**

July: **Gilead**

## The Book Nook: *The Edgars*

The Edgar Awards are presented annually by the Mystery Writers of America to honor the best in mystery fiction and nonfiction books as well as television, theater and film. Named after Edgar Allan Poe and known familiarly as just 'the Edgars' they have been awarded since 1954.

The 2009 best novel winner, **Blue Heaven** by C. J. Box, is the author's

seventh novel. It is a gripping tale that reads like a Western studded with suspense.

Next try **Sweetsmoke** by David Fuller. Nominated for best first novel by an American author, this mystery will carry you back to a Virginia tobacco plantation during the Civil War where a plantation slave attempts to solve the murder of his friend.

For another best novel nominee check out Declan Hughes' **The Price of Blood: An Irish Suspense Novel**. Private eye Ed Loy, hired to find a missing jockey, finds more than he wants to in this heart pounding thriller. While bodies start piling up Loy is forced to watch his back! Mr. Hughes lives in Dublin and is also the author of **The Color of Blood: An Irish Novel of Suspense**.

# This Library Never Closes

The Thayer Public Library website is your library that doesn't close. With an Internet computer you can use many of our resources from home, 24/7.



One of our favorite online resources is Learning Express Library.

Everyone from elementary school students to adults can find books, courses, and practice exams to sharpen

their skills or learn new ones. Use your Braintree library card to set up an account that gives you access to over 150 Learning Express ebooks (you can download the entire book to your computer)! There are almost 800 practice tests, including SAT and Advanced Placement practice tests. It also includes job search, resume and interviewing courses to help you advance your career.

When you're ready to look for that next career move, try

JobView, a one-stop job search that lets you search hundreds of jobs throughout the country by location and job type. When you're ready to apply for a position, JobView will link you directly to the hiring company's application.



We're up when you are:

24/7

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- Renew books
- Check due dates
- Place holds
- Cancel holds
- Download audiobooks
- Register for events
- Search the catalog
- Research our 50+ databases

## Is Your Child a Reader? No?

Do you have a reluctant reader at your house? Come to the Children's Room for suggestions and new titles to try!

Kara Duffin, a library employee, tells how her son became a reader. "My son used to hide books around the house so he wouldn't have to read them. So I left interesting

books in the bathroom and on the back seat of the car. The Children's Librarian, Elisabeth Strachan, recommended some easy readers like **Sam the Minuteman** that he liked. **Bob** books were great for learning to sound out words and books on CD got him hooked on the **Magic Tree House** series."

Some children will prefer magazines, informational books, and fiction. Your reluctant reader may find books on cars, sharks, and the sports stories of Matt Christopher and Mike Lupica appealing. Books that capture your child's interests can go a long way in developing his or her enjoyment of reading.

Happy Reading!

## Audio Readers - try this!

You know about books on tape and you know about books on CD, but do you know about our new books on Mp3? They are called PlayAways.

The whole thing is smaller than a deck of playing cards. Just plug in your own earphones, stick it in your pocket and go!

The collection is located on the main level near the elevator. There are many choices for your reading pleasure with a variety of fiction titles as well as a growing collection of nonfiction titles and a series of Pimsleur language learning sets from Chinese to Vietnamese.

You may also search the

online catalog at [www.thayerpubliclibrary.org](http://www.thayerpubliclibrary.org) using the keyword "PlayAway" to see a complete list of what's available. If what you want is currently checked out you can place a hold on it through the catalog.

An unabridged audiobook in the palm of your hand!



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Thayer Public Library is a department of the Town of Braintree.

The mission of Thayer Public Library is to improve Braintree residents' quality of life by giving all ages and groups of the community access to a common environment where they can meet and interact with others and where they can find programs and conveniently organized materials essential for knowledge and recreation.

## Friends of Thayer Public Library

To renew membership or to become a member of The Friends of Thayer Public Library, complete and mail this form to: John Pelose, Treasurer, 10 Huntley Road, Braintree, MA 02184-2023.

Annual Dues: Individual, \$10; Dual/Family, \$20; Patron, \$50; Contributing, \$100 or more. Your contribution may be tax-deductible. For more information call 781-413-1327.

For my enrollment as a member of The Friends of Thayer Public Library, I enclose my annual dues of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please make check payable to "Friends of Thayer Public Library." **Thank you!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Area of interest/activity with The Friends: Book Sale \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality Concerts/Special Events \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_ Call me to discuss these or other areas \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to support The Friends, but cannot be active at this time \_\_\_\_\_